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(b) the number of men and women in jails employed in hand-spinning last year;

(c) the quantity of yarn that is ordinarily required for jail purposes if the whole of the cloth required is made of this yarn; and

(d) how much of it is now prepared in the jails themselves?

A.—(a) The total number of men and women confined in jails at the close of last year was 18,229—

Men	17,943
Women	286

(b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1663 given at the meeting of 2nd March 1928.

(c) The quantity of yarn that is ordinarily required for jail purposes is roughly 350,000 lb. of twist of different counts, e.g., 6's, 10's, 2/20's, 8½'s, etc.

(d) Nil.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—"May I know Sir, whether the Government will see that all the yarn required for the jails is prepared in the jails themselves?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"I shall consider whether it is possible."

Revision of the Jail Manual.

*773 Q.—Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Jail Manual has been revised and brought up to date; and

(b) when the Manual is likely to be published?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The revised Manual is now being printed in the Government Press.

Marine

Exports and imports at Cuddalore O.T. and Porto Novo.

*774 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that cargo boats and steamers usually call at or near Cuddalore O.T. and Porto Novo either for import or export of goods;

(b) if so, what is the annual value and tonnage of the exports or imports at the aforesaid ports and what is the nature of the goods so imported or exported;

(c) whether it was at any time contemplated to make Porto Novo a harbour for exporting and importing cargo and, if so, whether he will place on the table the details of the scheme contemplated and copies of the correspondence, if any, on this subject;

(d) whether the idea to make Porto Novo a harbour for the calling of cargo boats and steamers is still under the consideration of the Government or kept in abeyance or abandoned;